

SMOKE SIGNALS

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Administration's Message

Dear Residents:

In case you missed it or did not know, we have some important changes taking place in Indian Head Park. We are moving forward in our transition to a centralized dispatch for our police department. Our Director of Administration and Public Safety **Wayne Grane** has announced his resignation effective June 17, 2005, and your Village Board has approved a resolution calling for township-wide input and the equitable use of funds from the \$10 million Lyons Township park bond issue voted by the electors last November. Economic development in the "Triangle" has begun. As you read this, many of our residents will have graduated from various levels of school and will be preparing for the next chapter in their life and education. Those who have given their "last full measure" to secure the liberty we take for granted were commemorated on Memorial Day. We pray for the safety of our military sons and daughters who currently serve in Iraq and Afghanistan, and thank those who have returned from such service. We anticipate the joyous celebration of Independence Day when our national Spirit of Freedom was born! Indeed, summer is upon us!

Preparations for the transition of police dispatch services to the Southwest Central Dispatch are underway. In April, after considerable research and due consideration, your Village Board passed an ordinance authorizing our town's participation in a centralized dispatch service. The Southwest Central Dispatch Center is a state-of-the-art facility located in Palos Hills that draws on the collective resources of approximately 15 municipal entities. Our local dispatch operation and the people who staff it have served us well over the years. Now, however, looking to a future that includes the added requirements for "homeland security", it was necessary to take this prudent step to insure the benefits that economies of scale can provide. It is anticipated that the Village will ultimately save in excess of \$100,000 per year. One feature, the GPS (Global Positioning System), will enhance the safety of our police officers when responding to calls. This, in turn, increases their ability to protect all of us. There will be no noticeable difference in operations. After the changeover, for emergencies, dial 9-1-1 and the dispatcher will handle your call with the same promptness and professionalism you now enjoy. We will continue to have our own police force 24/7 and a continued presence at the Village's police department. All aspects of the change to centralized dispatch are expected to be complete on or about August 1, 2005.

Director **Wayne Grane** has recently tendered his resignation in order to pursue other interests. Wayne has been our police chief and village administrator since Director Garritano retired last year. Prior to becoming the Director, Wayne had served IHP as a Village Trustee for seven years. His efforts on our behalf in these various capacities are appreciated by all. We wish Wayne "Good Luck!"

As you re-call, one year ago the VBT stated that it would re-visit the issue relative to the combined Village Administrator/Police Chief position. That analysis concerning whether the position of Director has reached the end of its "useful life" is on-going. For now, Sergeant **Patrick Crowley** has been appointed as our Acting Police Chief. On the administrative side, the VBT has returned to the traditional approach where department heads will report to the respective trustee liaisons and, ultimately, to the mayor for decision-making.

At a special meeting on Tuesday May 24th called to deal with important matters facing the Village, your Village Board passed a resolution pertaining to the Lyons Township \$10 million park bond issue voted by the electors last November "for the purpose of procuring or improving one or small parks". By this resolution, the VBT has requested that township-wide input be obtained to insure the fair and equitable distribution of these funds including a share for the Village of Indian Head Park. By doing so, IHP joins other township municipalities and park districts that have made similar requests on behalf of the citizens they serve. This is particularly important in IHP where a significant part of our town is not served by any park district and must look to the Village to assume this role.

Work has begun by the Indian Head Park Development Company, LLC in the initial phase of development in the "Triangle" area of IHP. As you may re-call, last year the Village passed various ordinances pertaining to the consolidation and re-zoning of property along Joliet and Wolf Roads. The entire Triangle is a work-in-progress concerning the proposed commercial/residential development.

On behalf of the VBT and our residents, I would like to take this opportunity to extend our congratulations to all IHP graduates from pre-school to PhD's. Your accomplishments are a source of pride to your families and to our community.

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To our graduates, "Our country will be stronger and our future will be brighter because you can make the differences today that will create a better tomorrow" (Unknown).

Now, on a personal note, I am privileged to announce the following recent new appointments: **Patrick J. Finley** as I&M Canal representative, **Jack Yelnick** as Planning and Zoning Commissioner ("PZC") and **Mario Stefanini** to the Police and Fire Commission. Recent re-appointments include: **Joan Pieri**, S.E.A.S.P.A.R. representative; and **Diane Andrews**, **Noreen Costelloe**, and **Denise Ingram** to the PZC.

For your information, St. Cletus Church in Countryside will again be sponsoring an Independence Day celebration and mass in honor of American Military Veterans at 8:00 a.m. on July 4, 2005. This year's event is especially dedicated to recognizing the veterans of WWII and Vietnam on the 60th and 30th anniversaries, respectively, of the conclusion of these wars. We honor those who have served in the military; we remember those who have died to preserve our freedom; we ask that our sons and daughters currently serving, especially those in Iraq and Afghanistan, be brought home safely and soon. St. Cletus pastor **Fr. Ray Klees** has announced that this year's event will include a special presentation of the flag, a musical salute by a 40-piece band of journeymen musicians, and outdoors hospitality afterwards while the Lima Lima Flight Team perform their precision maneuvers overhead in honor of America. Regardless of your faith or beliefs, this truly is a special event (maybe the final of its kind here) and worth your participation. Don't miss it!

In closing, I want again to thank you for allowing me to be a part of your Village Board and of the dedicated team of individuals serving our common interests and striving for the common good. Your overwhelming ratification of their efforts by re-electing incumbent trustees **Anselmo**, **Bermier** and **Coleman** last April humbles me with gratitude for the trust you place in us all. Thank You!

Finally, as summer gets into full swing, I am reminded of the words written by English poet William Allingham (1824-1889), "*Oh, bring again my heart's content, Thou Spirit of the Summer-time!*" Have fun, be safe, watch your kids, ENJOY!

Best Regards,
Richard S. Andrews, Trustee

Noteworthy Letter



INDIAN HEAD PARK WOMAN'S CLUB

MEMBER — GFWC — IFWC
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Mayor Richard Pellegrino
Indian Head Park Village Hall
201 Acacia Drive
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Dear Mayor Pellegrino:

On behalf of the Indian Head Park Woman's Club, I am enclosing a check for **\$100.00** to be used for the **Heritage House**. Because of our hard working members, our club has been able to make several monetary awards this year.

The best incentive for our club members is raising funds to support not only our own members, but also other outstanding programs and services. We appreciate the effort and fine work being done by you and the Board of Trustees.

Thank you so much for all your hard work.

Sincerely,


Patricia G. Pollock
Philanthropy Chair

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Mayor Pellegrino and the Board of Trustees will be hosting a Family Fun Day event on Saturday, September 24, 2005. American English will perform that evening from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. We hope you can join us! Stay tuned for further details in the next issue of Smoke Signals.



From The Chief's Office

Wayne P. Grane, Chief of Police

Fireworks Alert:

Be safe this upcoming 4th of July! Please leave display fireworks to professionals. It is important to note that except for novelty fireworks (i.e. sparklers, snakes and noisemakers), fireworks are illegal in Illinois without a permit. Illegal fireworks (i.e. cherry bombs and M80s) in the mainstream could present substantial risks of injuries. Don't celebrate with fireworks: one of every three fireworks injuries is to the eyes; fireworks not only damage eyes but can cause burn, cut or puncture injuries; sparklers burn at high temperatures and the thin hot wires can cause serious harm. The Pleasantdale Park District is hosting an organized 4th of July fireworks display as well as a day filled with various activities. For further details, please contact the Pleasantdale Park District at (630) 662-6220.

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Village Board of Trustees 7:30 p.m.:

Thursday, July 14, 2005
Thursday, August 11, 2005

Planning and Zoning Commission 7:30 p.m.:

Tuesday, July 5, 2005
Tuesday, August 2, 2005

Police Commission 7:00 p.m.:

Thursday, July 7, 2005

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Dome Family Restaurant (IHP)

Norm's Cha-Lor Flowers (IHP)

*Willow Hills Restaurant and
Pancake House (IHP)*

Card Factory (Countryside)

Kohl's (Quarry Shopping Center)

Wolf's Head Inn Restaurant (IHP)

Minuteman Press (Countryside)

*Milano Day Spa &
Therapeutic Center (IHP)*

Victor Shade Company (Countryside)

Terra Bona Inc.

Public Works Department Announcement

Superintendent Edward R. Santen, Jr.

The 2005 mosquito season is well under way! The Des Plaines Valley Mosquito Abatement District is conducting larval control operations throughout the community. The following suggestions are being provided to inform residents of



measures that can be taken to eliminate potential mosquito breeding sources: (1) maintain rain gutters and downspouts to prevent water retention in gutters; (2) change water in bird baths on a weekly basis; (3)

dispose of used tires properly; (4) aerate ornamental ponds and stock with goldfish or other surface feeding fish which feed on mosquito larva; (5) window screens should be inspected and repaired to prevent mosquitos from entering your home; (6) limit outdoor activities around dusk.

Hiawatha Street Sale

Hiawatha Street Sale will be held on Saturday, July 9, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you wish to participate in this event, please contact Jane Kuhn at (708) 246-0293.

Heritage Center Library Hours 6250 Wolf Road

The Heritage Center library is open every Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please stop by to read a book, bring a book you no longer need or take respite in this lovely old house.

**32ND ANNUAL
ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS PARISH
Garage Sale**

St. John of the Cross Parish, located at 51st and Wolf Road in Western Springs, will be hosting a garage sale on Saturday, June 25, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Also, a 1/2 price bag sale on Monday, June 27th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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Chapter 13.06 of the Village's Municipal Code, will take effect beginning May 15th with regard to water restrictions. The Village's ordinance states that no outdoor sprinkling is permitted between the hours of 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m. each day for the period of May 15th through September 15th.

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Student News

LaGrange Highlands Middle School

(Additional supplement listing from prior honor roll announcements)

LaGrange Highlands Middle School recently provided a list announcing the students from Indian Head Park who earned honor roll status. The following students were also named to the honor roll and were not mentioned in the last article: Angelo Christopher (2nd and third quarter honor roll), Sarah Carlson and Karen Klemchuk.

College of DuPage

The College of DuPage recently announced a list of students who earned a grade point average of 3.5 to 4.0. The following students from Indian Head Park received honors: Lora Drozd, Lois Fagin, Michael Iambor, Scott Jones, Julie Kosek, Ericka Kouba, Melissa Moskos, Jennifer Sass, Stephen Schwaegerman and Barbara Wood.

Albion College -- Michigan

Kelly Parsell, the daughter of Barbara Parsell of Indian Head Park, is attending Albion College in Michigan and is majoring in psychology and art. Kelly received the Kirsten D. Metalonis Memorial Scholarship in Psychology, a Geoffrey S. Morris Endowed Scholarship in Visual Arts and a Robert H. Gildart Writing Prize for Poetry. Congratulations to Kelly on all of her accomplishments!

Bradley University -- Peoria

Congratulations to Denis Campbell from Indian Head Park who was named to the dean's list at Bradley University in Peoria.

Pleasantdale Middle School (District #107)

Congratulations to the following students from Indian Head Park who were named to the honor roll at Pleasantdale Middle School: Katelyn Perrino (**gold honor roll: 4.0 GPA**), Patrick Hardy, Snjczana Jovanovic and Charlotte Mikat-Stevens (**silver honor roll: 3.75 to 3.99 GPA**); Katherine Bailey and Timothy Stuart (**bronze honor roll: 3.5 to 3.749 GPA**).

Valparaiso University -- Indiana

Congratulations to Stephen Rajki who was named to the dean's list at Valparaiso University in Indiana.

St. Ambrose University -- Davenport, Iowa

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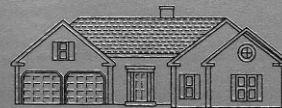
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TEEPEE TOPICS

Our condolences to the families and friends of the following residents of Indian Head Park who recently passed away: Dean Kuhn, a forty-seven year resident of Indian Head Park, who recently passed away. Dean's wife Jane Stallard-Kuhn has also been an election judge in excess of 40 years. Dean was a World War II navy veteran, an all around great guy, a wonderful warm person and he will be missed by not only his family and friends but also members of the community. Edna Eastman who also passed away at the age of 89, Ruth Farris who was 81 and Raymond J. Korta, 81.

A long time member on the Pleasantview Fire Protection Board, Jack Roche, will be retiring after 46 years of service to the Pleasantview Fire Protection District. Over the course of his life Jack also logged 2,700 hours during World War II on blimps that patrolled the oceans searching for submarines and is a participant in the area theater and a member of the Screen Actors Guild since 1977. He is now active with a living history program, in which he re-enacts scenes from the history of the Illinois and Michigan Canal, the waterway that connects Lake Michigan and the Illinois River. Good luck to

Jack Roche on his retirement from the Pleasantview Fire Protection District.

Congratulations to James Bird who was nominated by Mayor Pellegrino to receive the Sheriff's Senior Medal of Honor for 2005 from the Cook County Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Michael J. Sheahan presented the awards at the Cultural Center in Chicago recently. Congratulations are also in order to Edward J. Jaeky who was nominated by the Township of Lyons to receive this prestigious award. Past recipients of the Sheriff's Senior Medal of Honor were: Norman L. Schnauffer (2004), Cathy Janik, (2003), Jane Hyde Kuhn (2002), Virginia Holt (2001), Amy Janchenko (2000) and Dr. Martin Shobris (1999). The Sheriff's Senior Medal of Honor is awarded to individuals for their outstanding spirit of volunteerism by showing an exceptional commitment to serving others.

Congratulations to David Timothy Carlson, of Indian Head Park, who received the Eagle Scout Honor from The Boy Scouts of America, Troop 12 of Western Springs, at a reception and ceremony held on June 5th at the First Congregational Church of Western Springs.

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